

**William Fairfax to George Washington, July 22, 1756,  
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**FROM WILLIAM FAIRFAX, ESQ.**

ALEXANDRIA 22d. July 1756 —

SIR

We have repeated Advices of the Deserters of our Militia, wherefore We have had a Meeting of our Officers and agreed that the respective Captain shall on Sunday next with a Sufficient Number of armd Men make diligent Enquiry after and a Search for such Deserters as are within their District and when found and Secured, to have Them conveyd to the public Prison here and afterwards by an Officer to be sent up to Winchester under your Orders. This is all we can do at present. We shall be glad when You are re-inforc't so as to discharge the Remains of our Militia, who have done more Duty than Others. Wishing You Health and all possible Consolation I remain

dear Sr. Yr. affect & obedt. &c W. FAIRFAX.